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FEE FOR YAHRZEIT PLAQUES TO BE INCREASED

Our congregants are familiar with the Yahrzeit plaques on the walls of the synagogue. Slowly the spaces for new plaques are becoming fewer because so many have come to realize the value and importance of these plaques.

When a name of a departed one is inscribed on the Yahrzeit tablet, it implies that the one so memorialized will be remembered at every Yahrzeit. The lights on either side of the plaque are kindled on the Yahrzeit day and appropriate memorial prayers are recited in keeping with Jewish tradition.

In addition, at every occasion when Yizkor is said, the names of those inscribed on the Yahrzeit tablet are included in a special prayer recited by the Rabbi. In every way, therefore, due reverence is accorded to those whose names are inscribed in our House of God.

The fee for a plaque, up to now, was \$250. Beginning with April 1, by a vote of the Board of Trustees of the congregation, the fee will become \$300. It is desirable, therefore, to give attention to this matter at the present time. Mr. Israel Rosenberg, our Ritual Director, may be contacted and will extend every assistance and courtesy possible.

Chanukah Greetings

*We extend our best wishes for
a happy Chanukah to our
members and friends.*

You and Your Friends
are cordially invited to attend

THE FINAL LECTURE

of the Kehilath Jeshurun Lecture Series
on the general theme

CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO THE HALAKHIC WAY OF LIFE

On Wednesday evening, December 17th, at 9:00 o'clock



in the Social Hall of
the Synagogue House

PROFESSOR ZVI SZUBIN

will discuss

"ADAPTING HALAKHAH TO A MODERN STATE"

Question and answer period to follow
Refreshments will be served

GALA CHANUKAH PARTY AND DANCE

sponsored by the

SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

Sunday, December 7th, at 8:00 P.M.

in the K. J. Ballroom

Supper and Cocktails will be served

Musical entertainment throughout evening

Subscription: \$5.00 per couple



A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

Eating and Drinking on Chanukah

According to the Shulchan Arukh, there is no special mitzvah to eat and drink on Chanukah. There is, of course, an old tradition to partake of dairy foods on the holiday. This stems from the fact that Judith fed the Greek general a heavy dairy meal and then when he slumbered she cut off his head, thereby hastening the Maccabean victory. Nevertheless, there is no such thing as an obligatory festive meal — seudat mitzvah — on Chanukah.

Why is this so? According to Rabbi Israel Meir Ha-Kohen (in his commentary, the Mishnah B'rurah) eating and drinking are part of the Purim festival, but not the Chanukah experience. On Purim, we celebrate a miracle of physical survival. Haman threatened to destroy the Jews of Persia. Through a miracle, we were saved and hence we rejoice over our physical survival by the physical act of eating and drinking.

The Chanukah experience, on the other hand, had nothing to do with the survival of Judaism. Antiochus did not threaten to destroy the people, but rather the religion. His concern was not with life, but rather with a way of life.

When the Maccabees emerged victorious, therefore, their victory was one of the spirit. The military triumph was incidental to the spiritual victory.

Our celebration of this miracle, consequently, should be primarily of a spiritual character. We light candles, we sing Chanukah songs, we recite Hallel and Al Ha'nissim and, as we do so, we thank God for the survival of the Jewish way of life in the face of impending assimilation and religious annihilation.

There are places in this world where religious persecution threatens to snuff out the flame of Judaism. On the other hand, there are places where assimilation threatens to achieve the same goal. On Chanukah time, as we light our candles, we should pray that the miracle of old may be renewed in our day and that the Jewish way of life should survive and be strengthened, kindling a flame in our hearts and ultimately in the hearts of all mankind. Baruch She'asah nissim l'avotenu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.

A happy Chanukah to all!

H. L.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of December 6-12

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Mrs. Moses L. Ehrlich, Elliott H. Eisman, Mrs. Isadore Givner, Mrs. William B. Haber, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Dr. Gizella Perl, Mrs. Martin Pomerance, Mrs. Merritt Roher, J. William Rosenbluth, Mrs. Max Scheidt, Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Leon Sigall, Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman, Dr. Miriam E. Trachman, Nathan Warshaw and Mrs. Marvin Wolf.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Greenberg, Hon. and Mrs. George Postel and Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Sachar.

Week of December 13-19

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Eugene Hollander, William Lebowitz, Irving Levine, Martin Markson, Mrs. Norman D. Moseson, Solomon J. Novick, Mrs. Herman

Riederman, Mrs. Raymond Schwartz.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel K. Eilender, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

Communal Honors—

We are pleased to announce that our esteemed member, Sidney Scheinberg, has been designated as Alumnus of the Year by the Hebrew Institute of Boro Park. Mr. Scheinberg will receive a special award at the annual dinner of the Hebrew Institute at the Americana Hotel on January 4, 1970. Congratulations to Mr. Scheinberg on this most appropriate honor.

Communal Service

We are pleased to note the appointment of two of our esteemed members, Joseph Gruss and Hermann Merkin to the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University. We congratulate them on this appointment and we hope that they will serve the University well in their new role.

KIDDUSH SPONSOR

The kiddush on Saturday, December 13th, will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz in honor of their grandson Mark's Bar Mitzvah which took place on November 29th. We congratulate the Lebowitz family on this blessed milestone.

HAVE YOU RESERVED FOR THE Y. U. CHANUKAH DINNER IN HONOR OF JOSEPH ROTH?

This will serve as a reminder to members and friends of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun that the annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University will be held on Sunday evening, December 14th, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The guest of honor will be the former Vice President of the congregation, Joseph Roth.

We are most anxious to honor Mr. Roth and demonstrate our loyalty and support for Yeshiva University by attending this dinner in large numbers. Have you made your reservation yet? If not, please call the synagogue office and we will be happy to make the arrangements for you.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, December 6, 1969

Mrs. Harry Heyman
Mrs. Eugene Hollander
Mrs. George Jacobs
Mrs. Norman Jaspan

Saturday, December 13, 1969

Mrs. Joshua Lewis
Mrs. Morton Kamerman
Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon
Mrs. Ruth Kurzweil

IN MEMORIAM Daniel Simon

We record with profound sorrow the passing of an esteemed senior member of the congregation, the beloved Dan Simon.

A descendant of a family whose affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun goes back many decades, Dan was cherished by the members of this congregation and appreciated for his goodness and kindness. He was a gentle soul, possessed of reverence for God and respect for man.

For many years he occupied his place in our House of God alongside his two surviving brothers Abbott and Emanuel Simon and accompanying the late and immortal Aaron J. Simon. We mourn his passing.

May God comfort and console his two brothers and the entire Simon family among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

ABOUT OUR FINAL LECTURE AND LECTURER

Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will note that the final lecture of the Adult Institute open lecture series will be held on Wednesday evening, December 17th, at 9:00 o'clock. The lecture will deal with the problem of adapting the ancient halakhah to the needs of a modern industrial society in Israel.

There are many problems in making this adaptation. The status of the Sabbath in an industrial society poses obvious difficulties. The problem of church and state, the status of women under the law, the use of Talmudic precedents rather than British Common Law or Turkish Law — these and other subjects will form the core of this final lecture.

There are very few scholars who have the kind of expertise in this field that is possessed by Dr. Zvi H. Szubin our lecturer for the evening. An Assistant Professor in Classical Languages and Hebrew at City College, Dr. Szubin has Smicha from the Chevron Yeshiva and the late Chief Rabbi Herzog, a Bachelor of Laws from the Hebrew University Law School and a Ph.D. from Dropsie College.

The winner of the highest award from the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Israel for a research paper in Jewish Law, and the holder of a Beaumont Research Fellowship in Comparative Law, Dr. Szubin has also done Post Graduate work in the Law School of Columbia University.

Above and beyond his impressive academic credentials, Dr. Szubin is a brilliant thinker and an original scholar in a field which is bound to increase in importance in the State of Israel as the political and religious life of the State develop in the years to come. A cordial invitation is extended to all to participate in what promises to be an outstanding intellectual experience. Questions and answers will follow the lecture. Refreshments will be served at its conclusion.

PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind:

1. **The Menorah** — While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children in the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lamps.

2. **The Time for Lighting** — The candles should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah. On Friday afternoon they are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half.

3. **Arranging the Candles** — The

candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candlelighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is added.

4. **Lighting the Candles** — The candles are lit from left to right — starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the "Shamash." Then the blessings are recited — three on the first night and two on the other nights. After the blessings are recited we light the candles by the flame of the "Shamash."

The reason for using the "Shamash" is in order to avoid using the candles themselves — the candles are holy (for ritual purposes only) and may not be used (for light or for kindling each other).

5. **Concluding Songs** — Following the lighting of the candles we sing ha-Nerot ha-Lalu, which explains the reason for the ceremony, and Maoz Tzur, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save the beleaguered Jews from their enemies.

THANK YOU FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club thanks the congregational family for its overwhelming support at its recent Theatre Party. An entertaining and relaxing evening was enjoyed by over three hundred members.

Special thanks to our energetic Chairman, Mr. William Lebowitz, for his outstanding support and to our Co-Chairman, Mr. Maurice N. Jaffe.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET

With the festival of Chanukah upon us, we ask our members to remember the Benevolent Fund of the congregation, through whose auspices they were sent candles for the holiday.

The response thus far has been most heartwarming. We call to everyone's attention the special effort which our Fund is making in behalf of Soviet Jewry. Please do not forget. Send your contribution today.

PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The President of the congregation, Harry W. Baumgarten, announced the appointment of Samuel S. Silverstein as Chairman of the congregation's committee for the Park East Religious School. Serving with him on this committee are: William B. Fischberg, Mordie Mann, Irwin B. Robins, Martin R. Rochlin and David Rosen.

In addition, the following three parents from the school are serving on a parents committee for Park East. They are our own member, Dr. Robert Hyman, Mrs. Michael Kitay and Mrs. Naim Shooker.

The school continues to meet regularly in the congregation's Synagogue House. The head teacher of the school is Rabbi Arnold Lamm, a member of the faculty at Ramaz School.

The Park East Religious School is jointly sponsored by our congregation together with Congregation Orach Chaim and Congregation Zichron Ephraim.

THE JEWRY BOX

Will Serve During Week of
December 7 - 12

Max Dattner
Nathan Goldsmith
Milton Berkowitz

Will Serve During Week of
December 14 - 19

Martin Markson
Harry W. Baumgarten
Samuel B. Goodman
Leo Breindel

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain the
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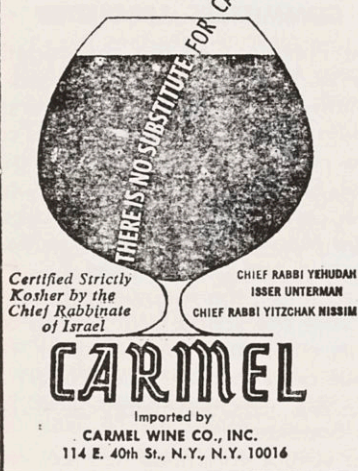
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, December 5th**

Lighting of Candles4:10
Evening4:20

SATURDAY, Shabbat Hanukkah

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1 - 40:25

Numbers 7:18 - 23

Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on
Wednesday, December 10th.
Evening4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath5:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening4:20

FRIDAY, December 12th

Lighting of Candles4:10
Evening4:20

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall11:00

Weekly Portion: Miketz

Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

Haftorah: I Kings 3:15 - 4:1

Evening4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath5:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening4:20

Y A H R Z E I T S**December**

6—Samuel Aaron Herzig
6—Heskel Ezra Somech
6—Samuel Kahn
7—Abbott S. Bernard
7—Henry Math
7—Leon Goldsmith
8—Jacob S. Pofcher
8—Abraham Jacobs
8—Jacob Riskin
8—Helena Trencher
8—George Steinman
8—Lillian Lewis
9—Jacob M. Schultz
9—Tobe Mann
9—Lea Haber
10—Samuel Friedman
10—Joseph Levin
10—Lillian Mandelbaum
10—Ronald Jay Ferber
11—Julius Bayer
11—Sarah Freedman
11—Abram Silberman
12—Etta Golderich
12—Maier Kaufman
12—S. Herbert Golden
12—Joseph Jame
13—Samuel H. Golde
13—Ray Schultz
13—Rhoda C. Diamond
14—Celia Rubin
14—Julie Faerber

December

15—Annie Roth
15—Moses Goodside
15—Annie Simon
15—Moses Pesach Sonenberg
15—Rebecca Kotimsky
15—Rose Goldsmith
15—Miriam Schwab
16—Dorothy Blum
16—Oscar Schneider
17—Hyman I. Arbeit
17—Mendel Gottesman
17—Jacob E. Fischel
17—Louis Block
17—Jennie Goldstein
17—Morris Ward
17—Helen Skydell
17—Lillian Goodman
18—Pauline W. Lurie
18—Joel Resnick
18—Sarah Rosenbluth
18—Marcus Baruch
18—Rebecca Ivry
18—Israel Willis
18—Sophie Forman
19—Harris Mayer
19—Herman Heller
19—Menucha Domber
19—Sadie B. Morgenstern
19—Leon Langsam
19—Hyman Wiseman

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 13th, 1970
MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday Eve., February 14th, 1970
SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT